

Notice Regarding the Public Service Commission's Decision in Order No. 2018-345(A)

Docket No. 2017-292-WS: Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for Water and Sewer Services

On November 10, 2017, Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("the Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission"). In this Application, the Company requested that the Commission approve an adjustment in its monthly water and sewer service rates for residential and commercial customers, and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer services. The Company requested an increase in revenues for combined operations of \$4,511,414, consisting of a water revenue increase of \$2,272,914 and a sewer revenue increase of \$2,238,500.

The Commission held three Public Night Hearings in locations throughout South Carolina, as follows: March 6, 2018 in Lake Wylie, SC; March 13, 2018 in Greenville, SC; and March 15, 2018 in Columbia, SC. The merits hearing was held on April 3-4, 2018. On May 2, 2018, based on the evidence in this case, the Commission approved an increase in revenues for combined operations of \$2,936,395, consisting of a water revenue increase of \$1,286,013 and a sewer revenue increase of \$1,650,382. A copy of the Commission Directive can be found here:

<https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Attachments/Matter/9e17a058-2fde-4889-b913-03d07915f49b>

Residential Water Service

Service Territory 1	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Base Facilities Charge (per unit)	\$14.64	\$16.82	\$14.38
Commodity Charge (per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.)	\$5.69 \$6.67*	\$6.54 \$8.66*	\$5.59 \$7.55*
Average Total Bill: (based on 6,000 gallons of usage)	\$48.78 \$54.66*	\$56.06 \$68.78*	\$47.92 \$59.68*

*Water Distribution Customers Only

Service Territory 2	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Base Facilities Charge (per unit)	\$24.72	\$29.20	\$28.59
Commodity Charge (per 1,000 gallons or 134 cft.)	\$8.88 \$9.41*	\$10.49 \$12.19*	\$10.27 \$11.85*
Average Total Bill: (based on 6,000 gallons of usage)	\$78.00 \$81.18*	\$92.14 \$102.34*	\$90.21 \$99.69*

*Water Distribution Customers Only

Residential Sewer Service

Sewer Collection & Treatment Only	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Residential (per unit)	\$57.58	\$69.76	\$65.77
Mobile Homes (per unit)	\$42.01	\$50.92	\$47.94

Sewer Collection Only	Current Rate	Proposed Rates	Commission Approved Rate
Residential (per unit)	\$52.93	\$69.76	\$65.77
The Village Sewer Collection (per SFE)	\$29.95	\$36.30	\$34.18

*SFE – (Single Family Equivalent) Determined by using SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Guidelines for Unit Contributory Loadings for Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities